

**POKER LAKE
PURCHASERS OF SONAT PRODUCTION**

L G & E Natural Pipeline Company * 3/16/98 Faxed back waiver letter
2777 Stemmons Freeway, Suite 1700
Dallas, Texas 75207
Attn: Mr. Scott Martin

GPM Gas Corporation ** 3/18/98 Verbal consent
4044 Penbrook
Odessa, Texas 79762
Attn: Mr. Rupert Salinas

El Paso Energy Marketing *** 3/17/98 Verbal consent
P. O. Box 2511
Houston, Texas 77252-2511
Attn: Mr. John Tracy

Texaco Trading and Transportation Inc. **** 3/17/98 Verbal consent
P. O. Box 5568 TA
Denver, CO 80217-5568
Attn: Mr. Rob Altstaetter

- * Lotos Federal 4; Lotos Federal 11-d
- ** Sotol Federal A-3, Sotol Federal; Lotos Federal 11-f
- *** Lotos Federal 10 #1; Lotos Federal # 1
- **** All oil trucked

**BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 11948 Exhibit No. 7

Submitted by: Sonat Exploration Company

Hearing Date: March 19, 1998

Sonat Exploration Company
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Suite 500
Midland TX 79701
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SONAT EXPLORATION

March 16, 1998

VIA FAX: 214/640-6936

L G & E Natural Pipeline Company
2777 Stemmons Freeway, Suite 1700
Dallas, Texas 75207
Attn: Mr. Scott Martin

RE: Sonat Exploration Company
Request and Application for Blanket Surface
Commingle of Delaware production
Poker Lake Area
Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

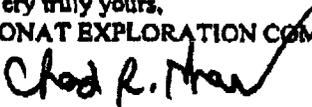
Sonat Exploration Company has filed an application at the State of New Mexico - Department of Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Oil Conservation Division for approval to Blanket Surface Commingle Delaware production in our Poker Lake Area of Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico.

Attached is a copy of our Application which is scheduled to be heard March 19, 1998, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. As the purchaser of production on these leases, Sonat respectfully requests your waiver of any objection to our application.

If you have no objection to our request, please evidence approval by signing both copies of the waiver statement below and return one (1) letter to my attention at the letterhead address. In addition, please fax a copy to our attention at (915) 684-0444 and also to our Santa Fe, NM law firm at (505) 983-6043. Your earliest consideration would be appreciated in light of our Thursday, March 19, 1998, hearing date.

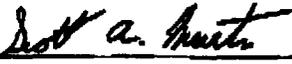
Should you require additional information, or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 915-684-0417.

Very truly yours,
SONAT EXPLORATION COMPANY


Chad R. Shaw, CPL
Senior Landman

L G & E Natural Pipeline Company hereby waives its objection to Sonat's Blanket Surface Commingle request for the Poker Lake Area, Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico.

L G & E NATURAL PIPELINE COMPANY


Name:
Title: *Manager, the Sarciter
system supply.*

Date: 3/17/98

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